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TAGS: MOPS, IS, LE

SUBJ: LEBANESE CHRISTIAN MASSACRE OF MOSLEMS AT KHIAM
DURING ISRAELI INVASION

1. EMBOFF TALKED APRIL 8 WITH WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT
JONATHAN RANDALL. RANDALL HAD BEEN IN ISRAEL ABOUT A WEEK
EARLIER, AND RELATED THE FOLLOWING:

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE FROM ISRAELI MILITARY
AUTHORITIES, HE WAS EVENTUALLY ABLE TO VISIT KHIAM IN SOUTH
LEBANON. (KHIAM HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT PALESTINIAN STRONG-
HOLD BEFORE THE ISRAELI INVASION.) HE WAS ABLE TO VISIT
THE MOSQUE AND SPEAK TO A NUMBER OF LOCAL RESIDENTS. HE
BECAME ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
LOCAL POPULATION THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MASSACRE OF
LEBANESE MOSLEMS AT THE MOSQUE SHORTLY AFTER THE ISRAELI
INVASION, PERPETRATED BY LEBANESE CHRISTIAN ARMED ELEMENTS
SUBORDINATE TO MAJOR HADDAD. A TOTAL OF SOME 70 MOSLEMS
HAD BEEN KILLED, RANDALL WAS TOLD, BUT BODIES HAD ALREADY
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BEEN BURIED.

3. WASHINGTON POST AND/OR PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE HAD CARRIED
RANDALL'S STORY, BUT HE COMPLAINED THAT EDITORIAL REQRITE
HAD "MADE IT UNINTELLIGIBLE."

4. COMMENT: STORY TAKES ON ADDED INTEREST IN LIGHT OF

CURRENT ISRAELIS CLAIMS THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THEY ARE
DOING IN SOUTH LEBANON IS PROTECTING CHRISTIANS FROM MOSLEMS
AND/OR PALESTINIANS. PARKER

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